

**Commissioners Meeting  
December 9, 2015**

**Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Jim Seiler, Dale Kenney, Jason Chapman, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M.

**Minutes**

Seiler made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as presented. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Claims**

Logsdon made a motion to approve claims batch# 3243. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to approve claims batch# 3254. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to approve claims batch#3247. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Bid**

**Package #6**

Kenney, Chapman, and former Superintendent Painter reviewed the specifications of all bidders on package #6. They were in agreement to recommend Civil Con and Erosion Resources & Supply, Inc. The other 3 bidders were considered non-responsive. There were specifications each bidder had to comply with to be considered a respective bidder and the following 3 did not meet those qualifications.

CPI Bridge – Could not guarantee time and delivery

Metal Culverts – Could not guarantee time and delivery

St. Regis Culverts – Could not guarantee a fixed price for the year

Seiler made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Hwy Dept. and accept the bids from Civil Con and Erosion Resources & Supply, Inc.

**Highway Report**

Chapman reported they started ditching 850E, but they cannot get the water to drain. Water is standing and there is nowhere for it go, they cannot get the water away from the road. Logsdon asked who the surrounding landowners were and Chapman informed him it was Ralph Kellems and Ken Schaeffer. Chapman has spoke with Schaeffer about digging some out with his backhoe, but he does not feel that will fix it. Phil Leibring farms the land owned by Ralph Kellems and Logsdon stated as Drainage Board President he would contact Leibring and have him check the ditches to see if he can determine the problem.

Kenney reported that 390 ton of salt has been delivered and there is a remaining 300 ton located at Mulzers. We are hauling bottom ash right now from the power plant.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey presented Executive Session minutes from all meetings in 2015. The board will take them under review and take action at next meeting. Kenney asked Attorney Lindsey if he has looked into the stop signs/yield signs at the railroad crossings. Lindsey stated he has not looked into that yet, but will research it and discuss at next meeting.

Lindsey presented an approved resolution from the Redevelopment Commission and a proposed resolution for commissioner approval to pay bills from the AK Steel settlement funds. We are still waiting on a ruling from the tax court. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-09 to pay bills from the AK Steel settlement funds. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved. Lindsey presented a rough draft ordinance for dust control on county roads. This ordinance is just for discussion at this time. Lindsey has spoke with the highway dept. about what process we use when an individual wishes to put oil on their road. The board and Lindsey discussed what requirements we should include in the ordinance. Logsdon stated he felt the details of the ordinance should come from Attorney Lindsey and the highway dept. We can take action on this ordinance in January. Lindsey presented a Summary of Services rendered for



November 2015. The legal description for the Troy Refinery has now been provided by Cash Wagner and Lindsey will begin drafting the quiet title action.

#### **Elliot Englert- Indiana 15**

Indiana 15 Regional Planning is going after an EPA Brownsfield Grant for hazardous substance funding and requests that Spencer County show support for this project. A letter of support has been drafted for commissioner approval. Logsdon made a motion to approve the letter of support for the EPA Brownsfield Grant for Indiana 15. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Kenny Rickelman- Road Concerns**

Rickelman came in to discuss some road concerns. He stated that there is a very steep hill on CR 475E down by CR 1350, and asked if the county could cut the hill down. If you are going south the hill is very steep and if anyone is traveling very fast they could hit north bound traffic. Rickelman also expressed concerns on CR 1350 where all but a small portion of road has been paved and the remaining mile in the middle is nothing but potholes. He asked why that portion has not been paved and was informed, because we ran out of money. Rickelman stated that CR 1350 runs to Lincoln Trail School and should be paved. Another concern is that CR 475 narrows down at a stop sign to the extent that 2 cars cannot even pass. The road quickly goes from 19 ft. wide to 14'6 and then gradually increases width again. The next concern was further north on CR 475 where Santa Claus annexed the road and he states the road is not maintained. Rickelman was informed that he needs to contact the Town of Santa Claus about his concerns on that portion of CR 475, it no longer belongs to the county. He also stated his concern about county snow plows using his driveway as a turn around, due to the rest of that road belonging to Santa Claus. The highway dept. stated they would plow on through to the highway, but have been told by the town not to do that. We will speak with the Town of Santa Claus about this issue. Kenney and Chapman assured Rickelman they will go look at all of his concerns and report back.

#### **New Business**

##### Sharon Dugas – Wiring Estimate

Dugas presented a quote to have the wiring redone in her office. She spoke with Seiler and the council and is now requesting commissioner approval to get the wiring done. Seiler made a motion to accept the bid and pay for it from Cum Cap. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

##### Radio Interference

Gogel informed the board that Scott Meadors called and the radio interference has been located and corrected. Advanced Communications found the problem, but we have not received an invoice yet.

##### Bicentennial

Gogel asked Lindsey if we had to approve the proclamation that is to be read in honor of the 199<sup>th</sup> celebration of the State of Indiana. Lindsey advised that we make a motion to approve the proclamation. Logsdon made a motion to approve the proclamation. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

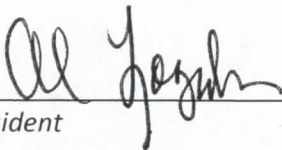
##### Veteran's Office Hours


Gogel stated that we should have Dean Knepper attend the next meeting to discuss office hours for 2016. The hours will now be 28 hours/ week and the current VSO's input would be appreciated to determine hours of service.

##### Renew Inmate Catastrophic Insurance

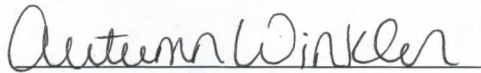
Last year our plan had a \$10,000.00 deductible and that is the recommendation of the Sheriff's Dept. Seiler made a motion that we renew our catastrophic insurance with a \$10,000.00 deductible. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Seiler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:06 P.M.

  
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President

  
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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

  
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